

WILLAPA BAY – NASELLE WINTER STEELHEAD

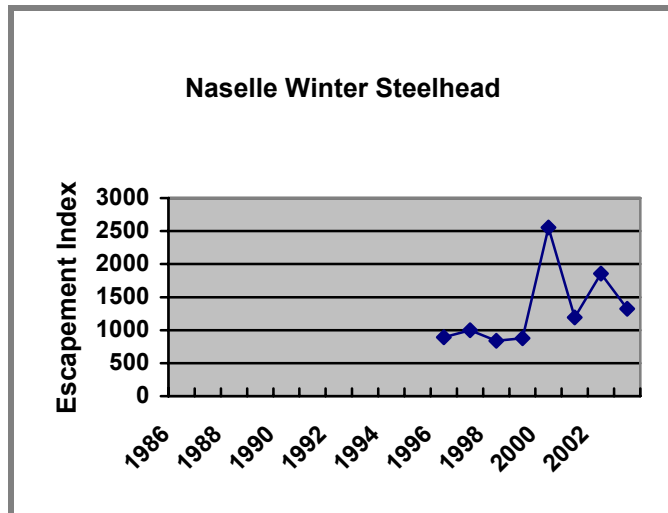
STOCK STATUS

1992 STATUS	2002 STATUS
Healthy	Healthy

STOCK STATUS RATING DATA

USEFULNESS FOR RATING STOCK STATUS: *Good*

YEAR	TOTAL ESCAPEMENT
1996	892
1997	996
1998	837
1999	878
2000	2,554
2001	1,456
2002	1,856
2003	1,324



Data are total escapement estimates based on redd counts in index areas within the Naselle River.

The status of Naselle winter steelhead is again rated **Healthy** in 2002. Escapement has been estimated using new methodology since 1996. Escapement values have increased, reaching a high value of 2,554 fish in 2000.

STOCK DEFINITION

Naselle winter steelhead were identified as a stock based on their distinct spawning distribution.

SPAWNING DISTRIBUTION: Most spawning takes place in the mainstem Naselle and North Fork Naselle rivers and Alder Creek. Spawning also occurs in the South Fork Naselle River as well as Bean, Upper Salmon, Russian, Brock and Savage creeks.

SPAWNING TIMING: Spawning generally occurs from mid-February through early June.

GENETIC ANALYSIS: Genetic analysis has not been done on Naselle winter steelhead.

STOCK ORIGIN

This is a **native** stock with **wild** production.